


REMARKS

This preliminary amendment amends the specification and abstract, referring by page number and line number to the attached English-language translation of the international patent application, to place it in more appropriate U.S. Form . No new matter has been added.

The claims have been amended to remove the multiple dependencies, to cancel claims 3 and 11, and to add new claims 13-18. Claims 13-18 are the same as original claims for 4-9, but depend directly or indirectly from claim 2. No new matter has been added.

An early and favorable examination of this application is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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